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Heavy fighting is in progress in the south sector where the enemy is utilizing elements of at least four and probably five divisions against the US 25th and 2nd Divisions defending the southern approaches to Pusan. The enemy has made several penetrations in US lines, but counterattacks by US reserves have partially restored the original positions and forward US positions are generally holding firm. Late press reports indicate a continuing success for US counterattacks. The situation remained generally static in other sectors.

US bombers struck iron works and communications in the North Korean west coast port of Kyomipo.

South Sector

The North Korean 6th Division, supported by at least two additional regiments, continued heavy attacks against the US 25th Division west of Masan. The enemy made minor gains west of Haman and effected a 6,000 yard penetration north of that town. Counterattacks by US forces have partially restored some of the original positions, and the enemy attack is being contained. The 25th Division estimates that on 1 September the enemy suffered 3,000 casualties in the southern area.

In the northern portion of the south sector, the US 2nd Division is heavily engaged by elements of two and possibly three enemy divisions attacking across the Nakdong River towards Yongsan and Changnyong. The enemy has penetrated to within approximately four miles of these two points and heavy fighting continues. Late press reports indicate these penetrations are being reduced by successful 2nd Division counterattacks.

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The US 1st Cavalry Division repulsed enemy patrols crossing the Naktong River and in addition gained high ground northeast of Waegwan, ROK forces drove an enemy force estimated to be of regimental strength out of Hwasan (north of Sinnyong).

East Sector

UN forces made slight gains northwest of Kigye.

Navy

US carrier units struck at enemy sea and land communications on the west coast, and provided close ground support to UN troops in the south sector.

Air

UN air forces continued close ground support, and heavy bombers struck the Kyomipo iron works and marshalling yards with fair to excellent results.

II. General Situation

US Ambassador Muccio has cabled from Pusan that the completed report by the United Nations Commission on Korea (UNCOK), which is being hand carried from Pusan to Lake Success, unequivocally places responsibility on the North Korean Communists for the aggression in Korea, and implies Soviet support for the North Korean action. The report contains no recommendations for future UN action in Korea, and Muccio states that the views within UNCOK are wide apart on this subject.

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